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EDITORIAL.

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A PRODUCTION worthy of the careful reading and study of all is "Protection of Birds" by Hervey M. Hoskins, found in this issue. Mr. Hoskins has given a great amount of study to questions of this kind and is one of the best posted individuals in the country on ornithology, he being a prominent member of the state ornithological society.

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MUCH has been said time and again of the power of association. Yet old and threadbare subjects can often be spoken of in such a way as to flood them with new light. Why do we seek companionship? Is there any more than a selfish motive in the seeking? What is the true relationship of association? It is surely in both giving and receiving those qualities which will upbuild and strengthen our characters. It is even more blessed to give than to receive. This is not quite the way in which we generally think of this subject. When we are associating with noble minds and characters and are daily profiting by such companionship we are apt to congratulate ourselves on our good fortune and continue in blissful satisfaction. But are we not in danger of doing those very companions, so dear to us, a great injustice? What are they gaining from us? We should take great care that the giving be not all one side. In association then there should be the double

blessing, in not only the receiving but in the greater blessing, the giving. Therein is the power of association.

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LIFE is a greater source of learning than books. Books help us to see life." The illiterate may go through life with a greater or less degree of success. But we believe that a comprehensive knowledge of lives that have been lived before, as shown in the best literature, gives a broadness and richness to life which enables it to better fill its position in the world. No one has better opportunities in this respect than the college student. Yet it seems sometimes that no opportunities in this direction are so likely to be slighted as are the student's. Many are prone to complete their college course, and perhaps with good grades too, who have not attained the wide culture they might have acquired from outside reading, aside from their text books. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding." This proverb is certainly applicable in these times of hurry and rush, if ever so. Would that it were stamped indelibly on the mind of every college student. Then there would be less of careless idleness and indifference. Then there would be more true striving for the better things which always lie in reach of the college student.

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WE are glad to call attention to a short article in this issue, "Professionalism in College Athletics," by Mr. Herman Stabler of Earlham College. Many of our students will remember Mr. Stabler as a solidly built, generous hearted youth who attended our institution of learning during the first year of its organization as a college. He is now a student of Earlham College and graduates there next year. He has quite a prominent place in the athletics of his institution, being a well developed athlete himself, and the tone of his article shows that he is

a young man who will reflect nothing but honor upon his worthy college.

At this time of year especially, it is well that we should turn our attention to this subject of purity in college athletics. We are sure that in our own institution nothing savoring of professionalism would intentionally be allowed. But amid the excitement and enthusiasm of the spring athletics we need to exercise great care lest we be unthoughtedly betrayed in this particular. As far as our faculty and officers are concerned, all of us realize of course, that they are a unit in maintaining this purity of athletics and need no admonishing in this line. But without any personal accusations we believe that this cannot be truthfully said concerning those of all the institutions in the state. Our principles of inter-collegiate relations certainly need a general renovation and extension. There can be a greater honor to a college than the winning of a silver cup.

An extract of a letter from Prof. J. J. Jessup of Whittier, Cal., speaks for itself on this subject. "I have watched with a great deal of interest the work of Pacific College in this line and I hope she may always be an exponent of purity in athletics. It seems that the spirit of professionalism, is rife in athletics just now. The zeal to come out with the greatest number of points in an athletic contest at all hazards, even at the sacrifice of principle and honesty, is bound to work great evil as a factor in the educational life of our institutions. An athletic association that comes out of a contest with a clean record in this regard is the winner every time even if her members may not wear a single medal. If she does not carry away the cup, she may wear the crown. I thoroughly believe also that success from an athletic standpoint may be achieved along this line. Thus and thus alone are the efforts in this line worth while." If this spirit could only influence all our state institutions the state meet in June, it is needless to say, would be the most successful in every particular, that has yet been held.

PROFESSIONALISM IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

THE question concerning whether the colleges of America shall extend their influence in favor of progress and ennoblement to the field of Athletics has long been claiming the attention of those interested in the purity of sport, and should, as well, be brought to the attention of all lovers of truth and integrity.

It seems strange that an institution which professes for its prime object progress in intellectual attainment and nobility of character, supported perhaps by a Christian church, presided over by a learned president, who with the aid of an efficient and capable corps of professors, seeks to implant in the student mind the principles of honor, should so far depart from these principles as to allow the presence of a "ringer" in a college team, and to secretly connive at acts of deception merely to gain some doubtful temporary advantage in the athletic world. But such is the rule, not the exception. This is the fruit of an uncontrolled desire to win, that root of all professionalism.

As students are we not endeavoring in other branches to improve our minds and ennoble our characters? Then why not in this? Do we not profess to further the best interests of our college? It may be from pride in our college, though surely not from love for her, that we seek to gain an enviable reputation in an irreputable manner. But if this intriguing became known to the world is the reputation gained a desirable one? By all means if we respect ourselves, if we have any interest in the welfare of sport, if we have any regard for the success of our college, let us use all our power for the maintenance of amateur college athletics. We have the opportunity as students to show the world that we are truly progressive, that we do profit by what we learn; and, if we do not make use of this our priviledge there is but one other course left open by which the institutional reputation for integrity may be saved.

This is a course of power, not of privilege; a course of faculty intervention, not of student nobility.

The responsibility in this matter rests largely with the faculty and they must not shirk it. In some cases possibly the students and faculty have a tacit understanding, and are joint conspirators in the defamation of their duty. If such be the case they well deserve the unsavory reputation to which they will attain, for they are not worthy of the respect the name "college" commands.

It has been said that where there is a will there is a way, and true it is in this as in other matters. If the faculty wills to have pure college sport, they can find a way to secure it, though great care must be taken to find the right way, for meddling may do more harm than license.

Some action, however, is clearly necessary, and prompt action always gives the best results. Having the right to say that such things shall not be, and the power to prohibit them, if the faculty take no measures toward this prohibition through lack of interest or ignorance, or for any other such consideration they become participants of the fraud and as such must necessarily fail miserably in their duty to themselves, their profession, their college, and to the world at large.—*Herman Stabler.*



PROTECTION OF BIRDS.



THERE is no time in the life of a bird when it is not surrounded by innumerable dangers. Especially is this true of the smaller and more helpless birds which have to protect themselves principally by their own skill in evading their enemies. For obvious reasons the nesting season is a time of great fatality. From the time the egg is deposited in the nest until the bird is fully fledged it is exposed to constant danger. Cats, squirrels, weasels,

jays, owls, and other predaceous birds and animals are very fond of the contents of the nests and are constantly on the alert for such a meal. Against these intruders, the helpless birds can offer no defense except concealment.

Great as the dangers of the nesting season may be, they are probably no greater than those of migration, when birds of many kinds will travel thousands of miles, through forests and valleys, over hills and plains, and across vast expanses of water in order to find a suitable place for wintering or rearing the young. Wonderful, indeed, is that instinct which induces the young bird upon the approach of winter, to leave the old birds, and without either experience or the aid of parents, journey southward in search of a more congenial climate! Wonderful is it that some birds which will usually die in the defense of their young, should, in response to that mysterious call of instinct, abandon their half-fledged young to join in the migration to a warmer clime! But a thorough study of nature will reveal many such wonders which cannot be easily explained.

When we think of the many dangers to which birds are exposed during their migration from one climate to another, through all kinds of country, and at a time of the year when storms are quite frequent, we are made to wonder that any of them ever reach their destination. Some of the smaller species whose wings are so weak that they can only fly a few feet at a time, will travel over hundreds of miles in the comparatively short time of a few weeks. Many birds begin their spring migrations too early and succumb to cold and hunger. Birds that migrate along the coast or over large bodies of water are frequently driven so far from their course by storms that they are unable to return and consequently perish. Showers of birds have been known to fall on account of peculiar electrical storms. Is it strange then, in view of these facts that the mortality is so great during migrations? These are only a few of the many ways in which the lives of birds are constantly en-

dangered and careful study will reveal the truth that comparatively few birds die a natural death or from disease.

However these losses may excite our sympathy, we must view them from a philosophical standpoint. We must see that this is only a wise provision to maintain the balance of nature. If the various natural causes were removed even for a short time, the increase of many varieties would be so great as to be disastrous. God in his infinite wisdom has so perfectly balanced nature that, unless interfered with by some unnatural cause, each of the numerous varieties will maintain its numbers and not increase beyond a proper limit. Yet so delicately is nature balanced that a little weight added to either side will entirely destroy the equilibrium. And so when man in any way causes the unnecessary destruction of birds, even though the destruction be very slight in comparison with that from natural causes, it destroys the balance of nature and tends toward destruction.

Man figures in the destruction of birds in many ways. The advance of civilization drives many birds from their native haunts. Some birds cannot stand civilization, while others seem to thrive better in a settled country. The filling of forests, the draining of swamps, the cultivation of land, the planting of orchards, all have their influence toward the increase or decrease of the avi-fauna.

But perhaps the greatest crime of a civilized nation against our beautiful birds is that annually committed by the plume-hunters. No one who is not acquainted with the facts of the case can begin to imagine the terrible suffering caused by this fad. A great many kinds of birds are thus preyed upon by this cruel fashion, and in almost every case they are the most harmless as well as the most beautiful and beneficial.

The Snowy Heron, on account of its beautiful plumes has been so subjected to persecution that it has almost disappeared in many places and will soon be entirely extinct

unless protected. Aigrette plumes are worn by the herons only during the breeding season, and, as they nest in large rookeries they are easily obtained by the plume-hunters at this time. The hunter, frequently an irresponsible and lawless person, conceals himself near a rookery with his small gun that makes but slight report, and as the old birds return with food for their young, they fall an easy prey to his unerring aim. After obtaining the bird, the plume-hunter, whether his victim is yet dead or not, strips off a small portion of the skin from the back and throws the bodies in heaps where they are left to writhe in pain and die perhaps within sight of the starving young, whose pitiful cries for food will never be answered. Thus whole heronies have been depopulated in a short time. A man once boasted that with two or three assistants he had killed three hundred herons in one afternoon. Another, that his party had killed one hundred and thirty thousand birds during the season.

In the face of these facts, is it strange that ornithologists all over the country are raising their voices in defense of our beautiful birds? Is it not rather strange that all humane persons, who are acquainted with the sickening facts, have not arrayed themselves against this cruel traffic?

But herons are not the only birds thus preyed upon—humming-birds, sparrows, terns, various kinds of songsters, in fact almost every bird that has a pleasing plumage, is subject to this useless persecution.

The question naturally arises—How can this unnecessary destruction be prevented? Laws have been passed against plume hunting, but in the unsettled districts where this is carried on, they cannot be enforced. The destruction of birds for millinery purposes will probably continue until either the demand ceases or the birds are exterminated. Then it behooves every one to do all in his power to discourage the use of feathers for ornamentation when the obtaining of them has caused suffering or loss of life.

It is true, a great many of the feathers used for ornamental purposes are from domestic fowls, and such use is perfectly legitimate when not attended with unnecessary suffering, but the variety is often hard to distinguish, as dealers frequently misrepresent their goods in order to sell them.

The question of the protection of birds is a vital one, and one that should interest every one for the avi-fauna of a country has a closer relation to the economic life than is generally believed. The need of proper laws for protection is obvious but obtaining them is often a difficult matter. The extreme ignorance of law-makers is often very apparent. For instance, the legislature of a certain state once passed a law prohibiting the killing of a bird that was perhaps never seen within several hundred miles of that state! Other legislative bodies have made remarkably strange and unscientific classification of the birds of certain regions. What can be expected from such legislators? Can we expect them to frame laws that will properly protect our birds? Gun clubs frequently prepare bills to be presented at legislatures but these are generally prepared from a selfish motive in order that they may have better hunting in season. But gun clubs have done much good by leasing large tracts of lands and prohibiting hunting upon them except at special dates.

The problem of the proper protection of birds is purely one of education, for until man has studied nature more closely, until he can realize the true significance of bird-life and its relation to mankind, he can never have the right respect for the life of a bird.

Let us then study nature more closely for the bird has no better friend than the true student of nature.

Let us strive earnestly for the protection of our birds, let us discourage their unnecessary destruction at every possible opportunity or the day may come when our fields which once echoed with the happy voices of our songsters, will be silent; when our woodland once teeming with its

countless hoardes of feathered beauties, will be emptied; when no heron stands silently guarding the quiet waters of the meadow-girt pond; when our lonesome pathway is no more cheered by the pleasant forms and happy voices of our feathered friends.—*Hervey M. Hoskins, '99.*



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ON last Friday evening some of the girls had a debate. The subject was, Resolved: "That Frances Willard has more greatly affected public opinion than did Harriett Beecher Stowe." Aff., Ida Hall, Edna Newlin. Neg., Mabel Edwards, Olive Stratton. The decision was in favor of the affirmative. Owing to the illness of Miss Edwards, Miss Stratton was at the disadvantage of having to do battle alone. We think from the way it was presented, that it would be well for the girls to engage in frequent debates in order to strengthen their ability in this line of literary work.



Miss Maud Soper was unanimously elected as a member of the society on April 1st. New recruits are gladly welcomed.



There is need of a closer observance of parliamentary rules in the society, as we are growing rather slack in that line.



Y. W. C. A.



ON Tuesday, March 27, the afternoon prayer meeting was led by Pres. Newlin. The meeting was larger than usual and each girl felt herself strengthened in her christian purpose and in her willingness to make sacrifice for the sake of others. We trust that the impressions there received may long remain deeply imprinted in our hearts,

to serve as constant reminders, not only of our privileges, but of our duties and influence in the college life.



The annual Y. W. C. A. convention will be held at Salem, May 6-8. It is hoped that a large delegation from Pacific College will attend as much good is gained by attending these conventions. A very helpful program is being arranged.



We are glad to welcome Gertrude Lamb into our association. She is an earnest Christian worker, and having been president before fully understands the work of the association.



We extend a welcome to all the new students and would be glad to receive all as members of our association. All are cordially invited to attend whether members or not.



Y. M. C. A.



THE new officers of the Y. M. C. A. have been selected for the coming year. Their names will be found elsewhere in this paper. Every one seems to think that the committee has acted wisely and has chosen men concerning whom there has never been the least unsavory suspicion at any time. They are men who always attend strictly to the thing in hand and who are always to be relied upon. But in this all-important work they need the assistance of every Christian young man. And for efficient work we must "pray without ceasing," and must do all our work in the atmosphere of prayer.



Early in the college year we expected to have a college revival but because of being unable to procure a suitable man to conduct it, we seemed compelled to leave it until another year. We are now more than ever before feeling the value

of such organized effort. A great many of our best fellows in school are not Christians. And not only do they need the help which connection with the Y. M. C. A. would give them, but also the organization needs them. We must not be discouraged and count too much on numbers.



EXCHANGE.



WE consider among the very best of our exchanges, THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MONTHLY, which is a true college journal in every respect. We like very much the patriotic ring of "Dixie" which appeared in the March number. Although we cannot of course entirely sympathize with the writer's feelings, he is an American, and we glory in his spunk.



We were greatly interested in the "Bridge of the Gods" which appeared in the last WHITMAN COLLEGE PIONEER. Every loyal child of the land "Where rolls the Oregon" should be acquainted with its beautiful legendary history and especially with the Indian romance above referred to, which we believe is more than a mere legend.



Every student should read the article "Scholarly Success" which appeared in the February and March numbers of the PURPLE AND GOLD. The careful pondering over such able productions is as beneficial as any text book work in the college curriculum.



The CENTRAL COLLEGIAN has several very good short articles in its literary department this month. One of them is "The Philosophy of Tennyson as shown in Locksly Hall."



An able article appears in the WORK-A-DAY WORLD by its editor on "The relation of Ethics to Economics."

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Spring fever.

New students.

Douglas Taylor is absent this term.

Roy Chapman is not in school this term.

Hurrah for May 14th. Will you be there?

Watch us for some records at State Field Day.

New students—Lots of girls. Very welcome.

Walter Macy visited his many friends at the college the 7th.

Pres. Newlin addressed the Teacher's club in Portland recently.

Leon Kenworthy '00, visited relatives at Tigardville during vacation.

Vinnie Vincent is not with us this term but is engineer in his father's saw mill.

Too much rain for training Wednesday, the 6th, so all our athletes enjoyed an enforced rest.

Mrs. Douglas teaches in the room newly fitted up in the southeast corner of the college building.

Mrs. Libbie Cook, a last term's student will soon leave for North Yakima, Washington, to join her husband.

We hear rumors of measles in different parts of town. Some students are indisposed by them.

Ladies attention! There was a millinery opening down town some time since! You are invited.

The musical recital was universally pronounced excellent. It reflected much credit on those taking part.

Miss Altermatt sang for the M. E. church entertainment at Armory Hall and also at the W. C. T. U. reception this month.

Carroll Kirk is rustivating this term. The Sophomore class have lost a valuable member and the college an industrious student.

Miss Onie David and sister Mabel are "keeping house" this term on Meridian street. We are glad to have Miss Onie with us again as a student.

Guy Metcalf rides a "Sterling built like a watch—all others folers" bicycle. He will undoubtedly do better work this year than ever before.

Ore and Drew Price '97, will "batch" during their sister's visit in the east. Ore is acting in the capacity of treasurer for the college at present.

The Misses Lamb, Dorrance, McDaniels and Smith, all old students, are with us again after varying absences. "Thrice welcome fair ladies are ye."

The library has been moved to the room formerly occupied by Mrs. Douglas. This makes a splendid change. No excuse can now be found for rudeness because of the inconvenience of the room.

The Portland High School track team will meet our team at the fair grounds on the 14th day of May. This will be one of the most interesting occasions of the year. The Portland boys will not bring their minstrel as hoped for.

Miss Edith McCrea rides a new Golden Eagle bicycle. She and Miss Dorrance have a pleasant ride from their homes to school.

We are glad to note the very small number of failures in last term's work. Examinations were almost universally passed successfully.

The war scare seems to be taking effect at Canyon Hall. We hear that some of its inmates are frequently called upon for "Pickett" duty now-a-days.

Pres. Newlin and Professors White, Douglas, Jones and Morrison attended College Teachers Association meeting in Portland during vacation. They report a pleasant and profitable trip.

Sayre Rinehart and Charles Parker walked to Portland during vacation. They made the journey in equally as good if not better time than our river steamers. They are walkers they are.

Many of our students and a few Professors, turned from the busy cares of school, for an evening's pleasantries at the M. E. entertainment. The students enjoyed the play and others the aftermath 'tis said.

Miss Maud Soper and her brother Jack, lately from Minnesota, are new students with us this term. They are energetic, sociable, young people who will make a valuable addition to our college life.

Last term's class spirit has subsided into the more worthy and dignified article of college loyalty, though this was not lacking before. The winter term usually sees the maximum of class enthusiasm.

Say! The P. H. S. vs. P. C. track meet is a surety. Watch for a poster and then just tell the rest that you saw it. From all prospects it will be a time when one must go early if he would avoid the rush.

Maurice Townsend is thinking of riding in the spring wheel races. He will stand a good show for a place.

The Christian associations have lately reorganized. Good officers have been elected and we hope to see the work take new impetus from the changes made.

Ralph Starr was late in returning to school from the recent vacation. The militia company of which he is a member was called upon for review, thus delaying him.

Prospects are that we will soon have a trainer for our track team. That is exactly what we need and we believe the generous aid of our townsmen have made such almost a surety.

The track at the fair grounds was graded again, on the 5th and the campus track softened. Every thing is in first class condition for training even to new rubbing tables, for systematic training.

The arbor day exercises on last Friday afternoon were very interesting and unique, especially the songs improvised and paraphrased to fit the occasion. All the classes from first year Academy up took part.

Malcom Cox entered school on the 8th. His father is physician at the Klamath Indian school. He was accompanied from Salem by Miss Eva Cox and his sister, both of whom attended chapel on the day of Malcolm's entering.

Pacific College for vaulting at state. Watch Heater go 10 ft. 6. He can do it. Then there's Hester good for second place at 10 ft. if his shoulder gets well, with Hobson or Halladay either one good for 9 ft. and third place. Oh my!

We are glad to note that an arrangement has been made for an Inter-collegiate Inter-state Athletic meet soon after our state meet. Those winning places at Salem will comprise the team to represent Oregon. Just count P. C. in for a few places.

Several of the alumni were present at the arbor day exercises.

We were greatly pleased at having Rev. G. H. Bennet with us Monday morning. He conducted the chapel exercises.

Miss Potter of Sheridan attended chapel exercises Monday morning. She is a cousin of Miss Minnie Potter who was once a student here.

Several of our students assisted in the Easter services at the Friends church Sunday evening, while almost the entire student body was in attendance.

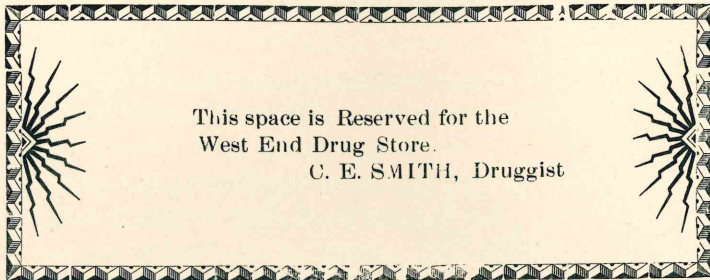
Mrs. Marguerite Elliott very kindly gives the college the use of her house plants during her extended visit in the East. They add greatly to the appearance in our new library room.

On arbor day, a good representative of the Sophomores, in attempting to be cute at the Seniors' expense wanted to know if they were going to break a bottle of "campaign" over the roots of their tree!

The last remains of the senior preps, otherwise 2nd year academicians, are carelessly thrown around over the campus. Will their friends kindly remove them from the curious gaze of the passer-by?

Mrs. McLaughlin has the warm thanks of all the students for her liberality in giving her beautiful pot plants for use in all the various college entertainments during the winter and spring. They have added much to the success of these occasions.


A certain Junior was absent a day from school last week. To save him unnecessary embarrassment in answering questions, we kindly tell why. On the day previous he did valiant battle with a certain member of the uncivilized species of the cat family. The Junior failed to come out of the fray without the smell of fire (?) upon his garments, hence a needed day's furlough for necessary fumigation.



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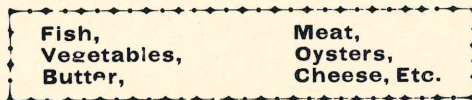
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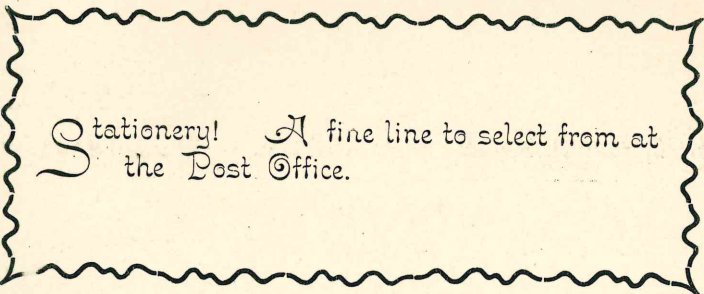
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